Oil Spill

Oil spill is one of the most reasons for causes of water pollution. The oil we’re talking about is petroleum mostly. Oil spill is when a ship breaks down in the middle of the ocean and all of its oil spills. If hundreds of barrels of oil are spilled into water, it is still called an oil spill. Oil spills are REALLY affective to marine life; hundreds of marine animals die due to oil spills. Lots of birds die too. The animals in the sea obviously drink seawater but if the seawater is polluted then they will get sick and die. If marine life dies out, our world will lose its balance because we eat fish and other animals eat fish. We are killing ourselves too from spilling oil into the sea because we eat fish and if that fish drank a bit of petroleum we’ll die as well. Plants in the water die as well because the oil reaches them as well.

Cleaning up an oil spill takes months! It’s really hard to because the oil goes down into the water plants and sand. People pour different chemicals and a special one called hydrophobic chemical into the sea to suck up the oil. They also put pipes to suck up the oil too. They vacuum the sea and put detergent as well.

Below is a chart that shows the biggest oil spills ever.

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| **Spill / Tanker[↓](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill)** | **Location[↓](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill)** | **Date[↓](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill)** | **\*Tons of crude oil[↓](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill)** | **Barrels[↓](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill)** | **US Gallons[↓](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill)** | **References[↓](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill)** |
| [Kuwaiti oil fires](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwaiti_oil_fires) [[b]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#endnote_Noteb) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/aa/Flag_of_Kuwait.svg/22px-Flag_of_Kuwait.svg.png [Kuwait](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwait) | January, 1991 -November, 1991 | 136,000,000-205,000,000 | 1,000,000,000-1,500,000,000 | 42,000,000,000-63,000,000,000 | [[28]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-27) |
| [Kuwaiti oil lakes](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Kuwaiti_oil_lakes&action=edit&redlink=1)[[c]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#endnote_Notec) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/aa/Flag_of_Kuwait.svg/22px-Flag_of_Kuwait.svg.png [Kuwait](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwait) | January, 1991 -November, 1991 | 3,409,000-6,818,000 | 25,000,000-50,000,000 | 1,050,000,000-2,100,000,000 | [[29]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-28)[[30]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-29)[[31]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-30) |
| [Lakeview Gusher](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lakeview_Gusher) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a4/Flag_of_the_United_States.svg/22px-Flag_of_the_United_States.svg.png [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States), [Kern County](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kern_County,_California), California | May 14, 1910 –September, 1911 | 1,200,000 | 9,000,000 | 378,000,000 | [[32]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-31) |
| [Gulf War oil spill](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_War_oil_spill)[[d]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#endnote_Noted) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/f6/Flag_of_Iraq.svg/22px-Flag_of_Iraq.svg.png [Iraq](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq), [Persian Gulf](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_Gulf) and[Kuwait](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuwait) | January 19, 1991 -January 28, 1991 | 818,000–1,091,000 | 6,000,000–8,000,000 | 252,000,000–336,000,000 | [[33]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-32)[[34]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-33)[[35]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-34) |
| [*Deepwater Horizon*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deepwater_Horizon_oil_spill) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a4/Flag_of_the_United_States.svg/22px-Flag_of_the_United_States.svg.png [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States), [Gulf of Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_of_Mexico) | April 20, 2010 –July 15, 2010 | 560,000-585,000 | 4,100,000-4,900,000 | 172,000,000-180,000,000 | [[36]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-35)[[37]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-36)[[38]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-37)[[39]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-38)[[40]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-NewYorker031411-39) |
| [*Ixtoc I*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ixtoc_I_oil_spill) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fc/Flag_of_Mexico.svg/22px-Flag_of_Mexico.svg.png [Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico), [Gulf of Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_of_Mexico) | June 3, 1979 –March 23, 1980 | 454,000–480,000 | 3,329,000–3,520,000 | 139,818,000–147,840,000 | [[41]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-40)[[42]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-41)[[43]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-42) |
| [*Atlantic Empress*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlantic_Empress)/ [*Aegean Captain*](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Aegean_Captain&action=edit&redlink=1) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/64/Flag_of_Trinidad_and_Tobago.svg/22px-Flag_of_Trinidad_and_Tobago.svg.png [Trinidad and Tobago](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinidad_and_Tobago) | July 19, 1979 | 287,000 | 2,105,000 | 88,396,000 | [[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-itopf-43)[[45]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-cedre_atlantic-44)[[46]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-45) |
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| [Nowruz Field Platform](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nowruz_(oil_field)) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/ca/Flag_of_Iran.svg/22px-Flag_of_Iran.svg.png [Iran](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran), [Persian Gulf](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persian_Gulf) | February 4, 1983 | 260,000 | 1,907,000 | 80,080,000 | [[48]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-A0001451-47) |
| [*ABT Summer*](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=ABT_Summer&action=edit&redlink=1) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9d/Flag_of_Angola.svg/22px-Flag_of_Angola.svg.png [Angola](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angola), 700 nmi (1,300 km; 810 mi) offshore | May 28, 1991 | 260,000 | 1,907,000 | 80,080,000 | [[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-itopf-43) |
| [*Castillo de Bellver*](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Castillo_de_Bellver&action=edit&redlink=1) | [South Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa) [South Africa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa), [Saldanha Bay](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saldanha_Bay" \o "Saldanha Bay) | August 6, 1983 | 252,000 | 1,848,000 | 77,616,000 | [[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-itopf-43) |
| [*Amoco Cadiz*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amoco_Cadiz) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/c3/Flag_of_France.svg/22px-Flag_of_France.svg.png [France](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France), [Brittany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brittany) | March 16, 1978 | 223,000 | 1,635,000 | 68,684,000 | [[47][47]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-marinergroup-46)[[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-itopf-43)[[49]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-48)[[50]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-49) |
| [*MT Haven*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MT_Haven) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/03/Flag_of_Italy.svg/22px-Flag_of_Italy.svg.png [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy), [Mediterranean Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediterranean_Sea)near [Genoa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genoa) | April 11, 1991 | 144,000 | 1,056,000 | 44,352,000 | [[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-itopf-43) |
| [*Odyssey*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odyssey_(tanker)) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/cf/Flag_of_Canada.svg/22px-Flag_of_Canada.svg.png [Canada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada), 700 nmi (1,300 km; 810 mi) off [Nova Scotia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nova_Scotia) | November 10, 1988 | 132,000 | 968,000 | 40,656,000 | [[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-itopf-43) |
| [*Sea Star*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sea_Star_(tanker)) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/ca/Flag_of_Iran.svg/22px-Flag_of_Iran.svg.png [Iran](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran), [Gulf of Oman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_of_Oman) | December 19, 1972 | 115,000 | 843,000 | 35,420,000 | [[47]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-marinergroup-46)[[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-itopf-43) |
| [*Irenes Serenade*](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Irenes_Serenade&action=edit&redlink=1) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/5c/Flag_of_Greece.svg/22px-Flag_of_Greece.svg.png [Greece](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greece), [Pylos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pylos" \o "Pylos) | February 23, 1980 | 100,000 | 733,000 | 30,800,000 | [[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-itopf-43) |
| [*Urquiola*](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Urquiola&action=edit&redlink=1) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9a/Flag_of_Spain.svg/22px-Flag_of_Spain.svg.png [Spain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain), [A Coruña](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Coru%C3%B1a) | May 12, 1976 | 100,000 | 733,000 | 30,800,000 | [[44]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-itopf-43) |
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| [Greenpoint oil spill](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenpoint_oil_spill) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a4/Flag_of_the_United_States.svg/22px-Flag_of_the_United_States.svg.png [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States), [Brooklyn](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenpoint,_Brooklyn" \o "Greenpoint, Brooklyn),[New York City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City) | 1940 – 1950s | 55,000– 97,000 | 400,000–710,000 | 17,000,000–30,000,000 | [[51]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oil_spill#cite_note-nytimes-50) |



